

Buster Brown

COMIC BOOK

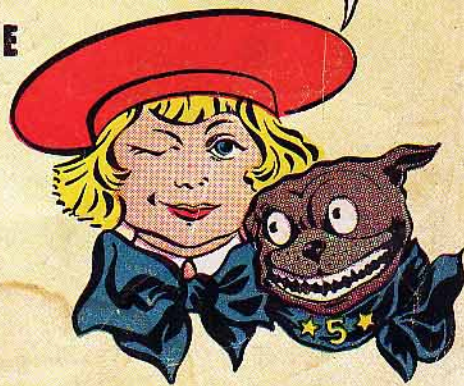
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LOOK WHAT YOU
GET, BOYS AND GIRLS,
BY WINNING MY GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY CONTEST
—A GOLD PLATED
BIKE!

...AND IT'S GOT A
REAL LEOPARD SKIN
SEAT, TOO!

YOU KNOW, BUSTER—
THERE'S NOT ANOTHER
ONE LIKE IT IN THE
WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

**FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN WIN THIS
GRAND PRIZE...**

Gleaming 14-Carat Gold Plated Bike

**125 FIRST PRIZES (125 DeLuxe Schwinn Bikes)
1,000 ADDITIONAL PRIZES**

See entry blank and rules inside.

LITTLE FOX



HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO WHEN OUR COUNTRY WAS PEOPLED ONLY BY THE REDMAN, IT WAS THE CUSTOM FOR THE BOYS WHO WERE EMERGING INTO YOUNG MANHOOD, TO GO ON A LONG TRIP, TO SEEK ADVENTURE AND TO LEARN MORE OF THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVED. ACCORDINGLY, LITTLE FOX, A BOY OF THE DAKOTA SIOUX TRIBE AND HIS FRIEND STRONG BOW, JOURNEYED FAR FROM THEIR WESTERN PRAIRIE HOME TO THE FOREST LANDS OF THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE NAME OF WHICH MEANS IN THE INDIAN TONGUE, "FATHER OF WATERS." THERE THEY MET AND VISITED A BROTHER TRIBE OF SIOUX, AND ENJOYED ADVENTURES. HOWEVER, UPON THEIR RETURN, AS BOYS WILL, THEY BRAGGED UNMERCIFULLY ABOUT THEIR ADVENTURES, UNTIL THE WHOLE TRIBE WAS THOROUGHLY SICK OF HEARING THEIR STORIES. BUT ONE NIGHT, AS THE COUNCIL MET, EVENTS TOOK A MORE SERIOUS TURN. RUNNING WOLF, THE FATHER OF LITTLE FOX, AND CHIEF OF THEIR TRIBE, WAS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE THEIR MEETING...



BRAVES OF THE DAKOTA, OUR COUNCIL FOR TONIGHT IS FINISHED, FOR WE HAVE NO FURTHER PROBLEMS TO DISCUSS. THEREFORE, WE WILL SMOKE THE PIPE AND...

I WOULD SPEAK, RUNNING WOLF.

BUT BEFORE HE CAN CLOSE THE MEETING, THREE FEATHERS, A SUB-CHIEF, GOOD FRIEND OF RUNNING WOLF AND THE FATHER OF STRONG BOW, ROSE TO SPEAK.

I STAND TO SPEAK OF YOUR SON AND MINE, RUNNING WOLF. SINCE THEIR JOURNEY, THEY HAVE SPOKEN OFTEN... TOO OFTEN... OF THEIR DEEDS TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN. OUR EARS HAVE WEARIED WITH THEIR MANY STORIES. WE LAUGHED AT THEM FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW CERTAIN EVENTS COME ABOUT AND THERE IS NO LAUGHTER. OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST LOOK UPON US WITH CONTEMPT.

THE WORDS OF MY FRIEND, THREE FEATHERS, SURPRISE ME, YET I KNOW THAT HE SPEAKS OF HIS OWN SON AS WELL AS MINE. BUT HE HAS NOT YET SPOKEN ENOUGH. WHY ARE WE LOOKED UPON WITH CONTEMPT?



AS WE KNOW, A CAMP OF OGALALA SIOUX IS ONLY A FEW DAYS RIDE TO THE WEST. MANY SUNS AGO, SEVERAL OF THEIR BRAVES VISITED US. THEY LEFT THE CAMP LAUGHING AT US WHEN THEY HEARD A STORY OF THE FISH AS TALL AS A TALL BRAVE, AND THE STORY OF THE HORSE-THAT-WALKS-ON-WATER. YESTERDAY A TRAVELLER REPORTED TO ME THAT NOW THEY HOLD US IN CONTEMPT AS LIARS. WE MUST ACT, RUNNING WOLF. OUR SONS MUST BE MADE TO STOP THEIR LIES.

I AM SHAMED BY THE WORDS OF THREE FEATHERS. I HAD NOT THOUGHT OF THE STORIES WHICH OUR SONS TOLD, AS LIES. I THOUGHT THEM ONLY THE BIG STORIES OF TWO BOYS. NOW I CAN SEE THAT UNLESS THESE STORIES CAN BE PROVED TO BE TRUE... WHICH THEY CANNOT... THEN OUR SONS MUST GO TO THE CAMP OF OUR BROTHERS AND HUMBLE THEMSELVES, SO THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE HELD IN CONTEMPT.

TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, OLD TELEWA, MOTHER OF RUNNING WOLF AND GRANDMOTHER OF LITTLE FOX, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL.



I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT FOR A WOMAN TO COME TO THE COUNCIL OF THE MEN, YET I HAVE COME, AND I WOULD SPEAK.

MY MOTHER, IT IS UNUSUAL THAT A WOMAN WOULD COME TO THE COUNCIL LODGE, YET YOUR AGE AND YOUR WISDOM DEMAND THAT WE PERMIT YOU TO SPEAK.

I COME TO SPEAK FOR MY GRANDSON, LITTLE FOX, AND HIS FRIEND, STRONG BOW. BUT FIRST I MUST SAY TO YOU MEN OF THE COUNCIL THAT IT WAS YOU WHO BROUGHT THIS SHAME UPON OUR CAMP. THESE BOYS CAME

HOME WITH STRANGE TALES, BUT THESE TALES WERE **TRUE!** NOT LIES! I AM FAR OLDER THAN ANY OTHER PERSON IN OUR CAMP, THEREFORE, NO ONE REMEMBERS FROM WHERE I CAME. MY HUSBAND, FATHER OF RUNNING WOLF, MET ME IN HIS TRAVELS, FOR I WAS ONE OF THE TRIBE OF MISSISSIPPI SIOUX!

THE FISH AS TALL AS A TALL BRAVE IS TRUE. I HAVE SEEN MANY WHEN I WAS A GIRL. IT IS CALLED THE STURGEON. THE HORSE-THAT-WALKS-ON-WATER IS TRUE. I RODE IN ONE MANY TIMES ON THE GREAT RIVER WHEN I WAS A GIRL. IT IS CALLED A CANOE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE BOYS ARE ANGRY THAT THEIR TRUE TONGUES ARE CALLED FORKED. AND SO, AS I TOLD THEM TO DO, THEY HAVE BUILT A CANOE. YOU CAN NOW SEE FOR YOURSELF IF THEY LIED OR NOT.



LITTLE FOX! STRONG BOW! BRING INTO THE COUNCIL LODGE THE HORSE-THAT-WALKS-ON-WATER, SO THAT THE BRAVES CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORDS.

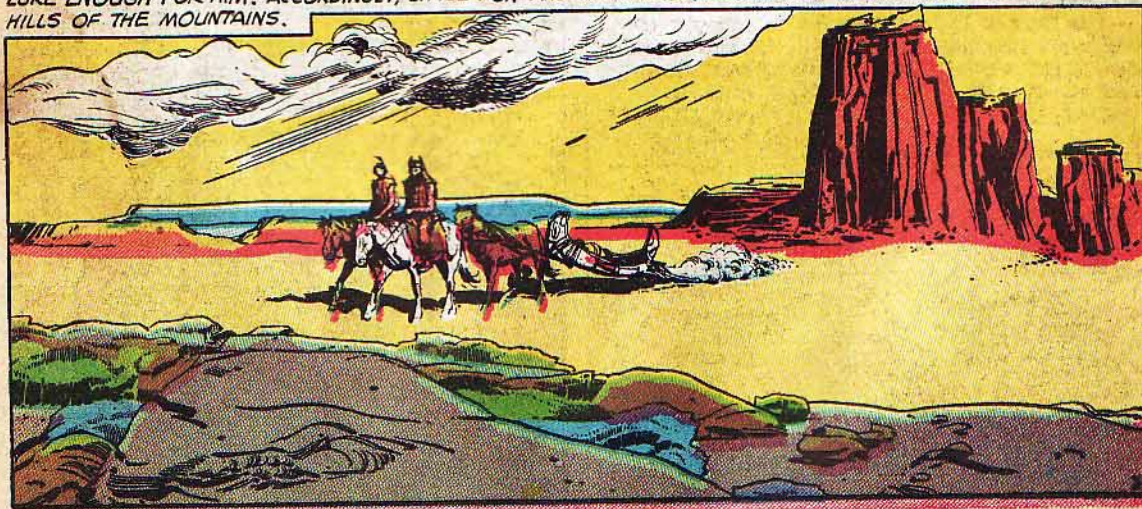


AIE! OFTEN HAVE I FLOATED ACROSS THE SURFACE OF A LAKE OR A RIVER STRADDLING A FALLEN LOG, BUT IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A MAN CAN RIDE INSIDE THIS UPON THE WATER, YET KEEP HIS BUCKSKINS AND MOCCASINS DRY.

WE ARE NEAR A LAKE, MY FATHER, LESS THAN A DAY'S RIDE. A PACK HORSE CAN EASILY TAKE THE CANOE. WE CAN BRING SOME FISHING ARROWS AND I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PLACE IN THE LAKE WHERE THE BIGGEST FISH WAIT.

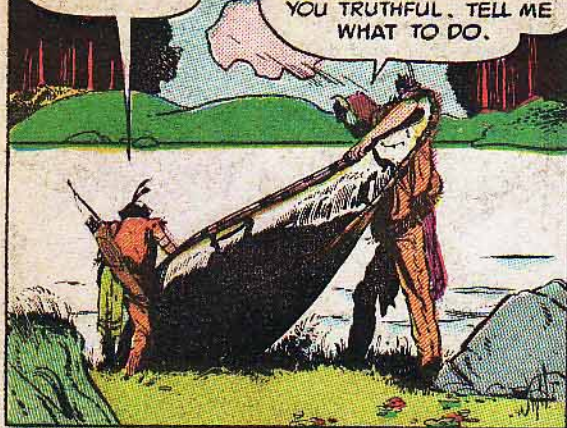


THE CHALLENGE WAS QUICKLY ACCEPTED BY RUNNING WOLF. NOT ONLY DID HE WANT TO PROVE HIS SON TO BE TRUTHFUL, BUT THE PROSPECT OF RIDING THE WATER TO THE PLACES WHERE THE BIGGEST FISH WAITED WAS LURE ENOUGH FOR HIM. ACCORDINGLY, LITTLE FOX AND HIS FATHER JOURNEYED TO THE LAKE IN THE FOOT-HILLS OF THE MOUNTAINS.



CAREFULLY, MY FATHER. THE BIRCH BARK CANOE IS LIGHT AND EASILY BROKEN.

I WOULD RATHER FIGHT AN ENEMY THAN VENTURE IN THIS THING. BUT I MUST PROVE YOU TRUTHFUL. TELL ME WHAT TO DO.

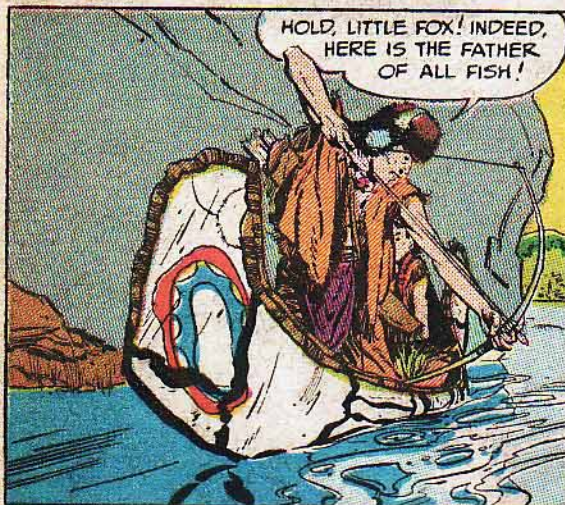


A LITTLE MORE PRACTICE, FATHER. AT FIRST IT FEELS CLUMSY, BUT SOON IT WILL COME EASILY TO YOU.

AIE! LITTLE FOX, TRULY THIS FRAIL THING CARRIES US, BUT THIS PADDLE! BETTER DO I HANDLE A BOW OR A KNIFE.



HOLD, LITTLE FOX! INDEED, HERE IS THE FATHER OF ALL FISH!



IT IS A GOOD PLAN YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE CANOE HERE, LITTLE FOX. IT WILL BE SAFE, AND WE CAN COME AGAIN TO FISH.

SOMEDAY, FATHER, WE WILL DO AS OUR BROTHERS IN THE EAST DO. WE WILL TAKE THE CANOE ON A LONG JOURNEY.



AND SO LITTLE FOX AND HIS FATHER RETURNED TO THE CAMP, AND THE NEWS OF THE HORSE-THAT-WALKS-ON-WATER SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. LITTLE FOX AND STRONG BOW WERE VINDICATED, AND NO LONGER DID PEOPLE CALL THEM UN-TRUTHFUL. BUT ONE DAY, OLD TELEWA GRUMBLLED.

PAH! THE SKIN OF THE DEER IS THIN THIS SEASON. I CANNOT KEEP YOU TWO IN MOCASSINS. WHAT A SHAME THAT WE DO NOT LIVE NEAR THE LAND OF THE GREAT MOOSE. THEN I WOULD SHOW YOU SOME MOCASSINS.

I AM SORRY, MY MOTHER, BUT THE MOOSE COUNTRY IS FAR TO THE NORTH, AND IF WE WENT THERE, HOW WOULD WE BRING BACK THE FELTS AND THE MEATS?

IT WOULD BE A LONG AND HARD JOURNEY, FATHER, BUT IN THE CANOE WE COULD DO IT IN ONE MOON.

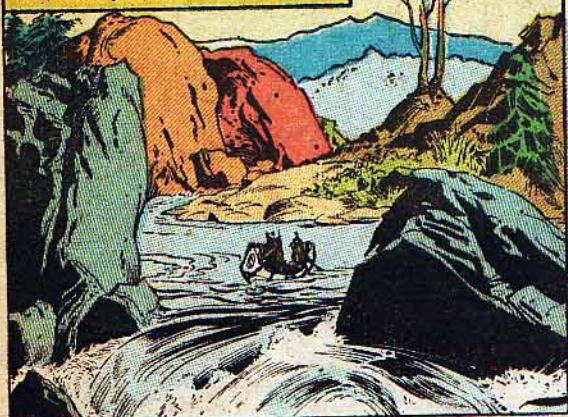


YOU THINK TRULY WE COULD MAKE THE JOURNEY IN THE CANOE TO THE MOOSE COUNTRY, MY SON? IT WOULD BE AN ADVENTURE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT.

LET US DO IT, FATHER. IT WILL BE A DIFFICULT TRIP, BUT THIS MUCH I KNOW. THE CANOE WILL TAKE US SAFELY.



AND LITTLE FOX WAS RIGHT. IT WAS A LONG AND HARD JOURNEY, FOR MOST OF THEIR WAY WAS UP STREAMS, AND AGAINST STRONG CURRENTS. BUT AS THE BOY HAD PREDICTED, THE CANOE TOOK THEM SAFELY, AND WHEN DISASTER STRUCK, IT WAS THE FAULT OF THE MAN, AND NOT THE BOY.

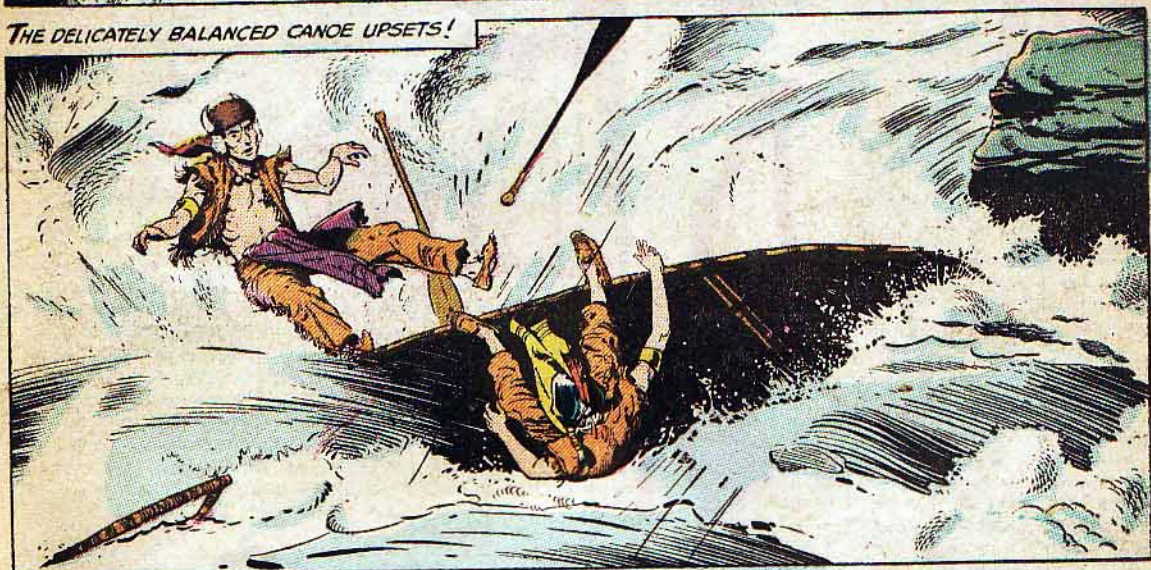


LITTLE FOX! WE ARE ENTERING THE RAPIDS! TURN TO SHORE!

FATHER! SIT DOWN QUICKLY OR WE WILL CAPSIZE!

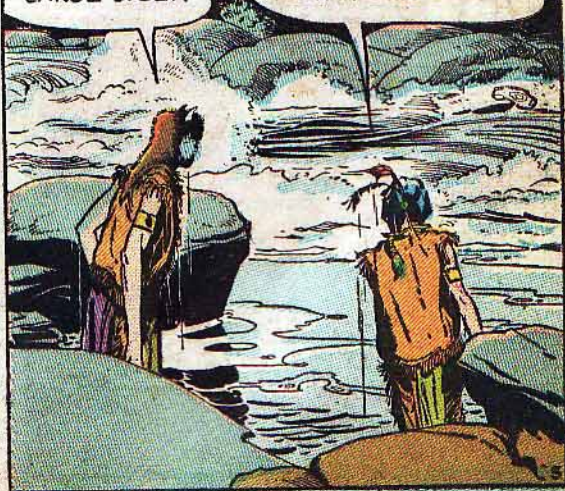


THE DELICATELY BALANCED CANOE UPSETS!



I AM SORRY, MY SON. IT WAS MY FAULT THE CANOE UPSET.

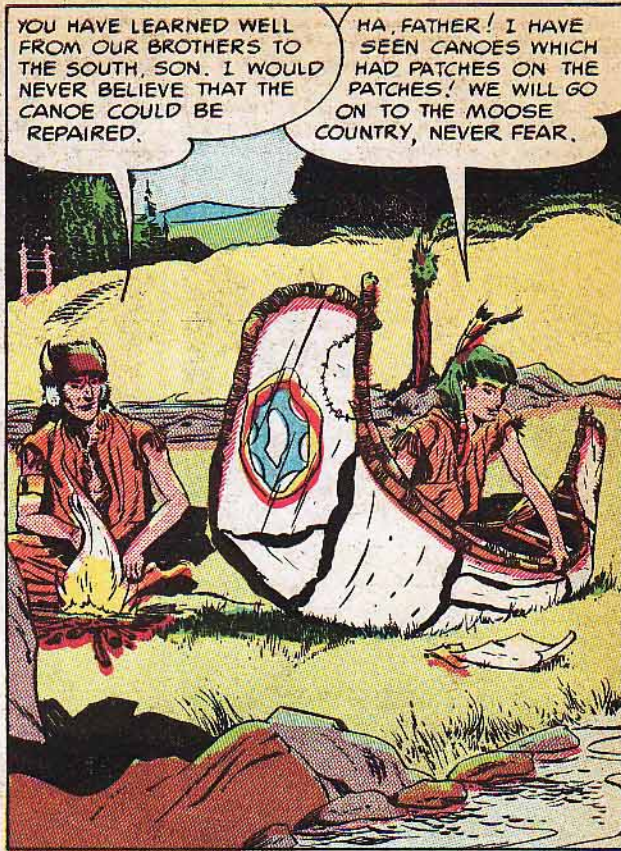
LOOK, FATHER...IT COMES TOWARD SHORE. PERHAPS WE CAN STILL SAVE IT.





SEE, LITTLE FOX,
THE CANOE IS
RUINED.

NO, FATHER! I
CAN REPAIR IT.
YOU WILL SEE.



YOU HAVE LEARNED WELL
FROM OUR BROTHERS TO
THE SOUTH, SON. I WOULD
NEVER BELIEVE THAT THE
CANOE COULD BE
REPAIRED.

HA, FATHER! I HAVE
SEEN CANOES WHICH
HAD PATCHES ON THE
PATCHES! WE WILL GO
ON TO THE MOOSE
COUNTRY, NEVER FEAR.



IT IS USELESS, LITTLE FOX. WHEN THE
CANOE TIPPED, EVERY ARROW WAS
SPILLED FROM OUR QUIVERS.

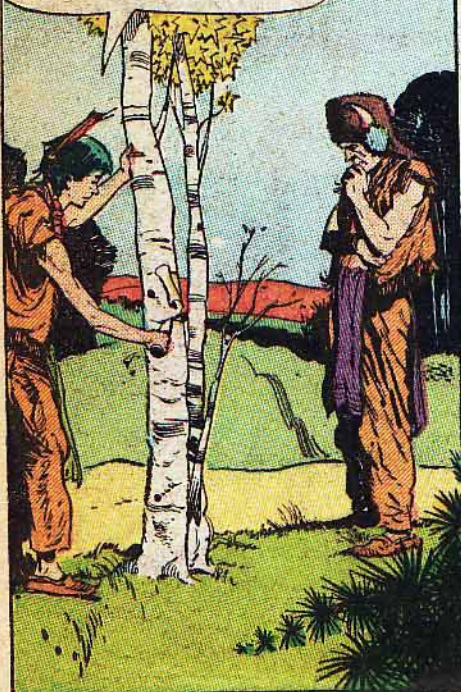
BUT SEE, FATHER. I HAVE
TWO HUNTING ARROWS
IN MY PACK. WE CAN
KILL ONE MOOSE
AT LEAST.



BUT, LITTLE FOX, WE MUST
HUNT THE MOOSE IN THE
FOREST. SHOULD WE MISS,
OR SHOULD OUR ARROWS
BE TURNED ASIDE BY THE
HEAVY BRUSH, WE HAVE
MADE A GREAT JOURNEY
FOR NOTHING. I MOVE
WE TURN BACK.

I HAVE MORE
KNOWLEDGE, FATHER,
WHICH I HAVE BEEN
SAVING TO SURPRISE
YOU. WE WILL NOT
HUNT THE MOOSE,
INSTEAD WE WILL
MAKE HIM HUNT US.

WHILE I WAS WITH OUR BROTHERS TO THE EAST, I WAS TAUGHT ALSO TO MAKE A MOOSE-CALL AND TO USE IT. WITH IT WE CAN LURE THE MOOSE INTO OPEN COUNTRY, AND THUS KILL IT WITH EASE.



SO, FATHER, IT IS NEARLY FINISHED.



AIE! IT IS INDEED THE VOICE OF THE MOOSE, THOUGH I HAVE NOT HEARD IT IN MANY YEARS. MY SON, YOU HAVE GAINED MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND I AM PROUD OF YOU!



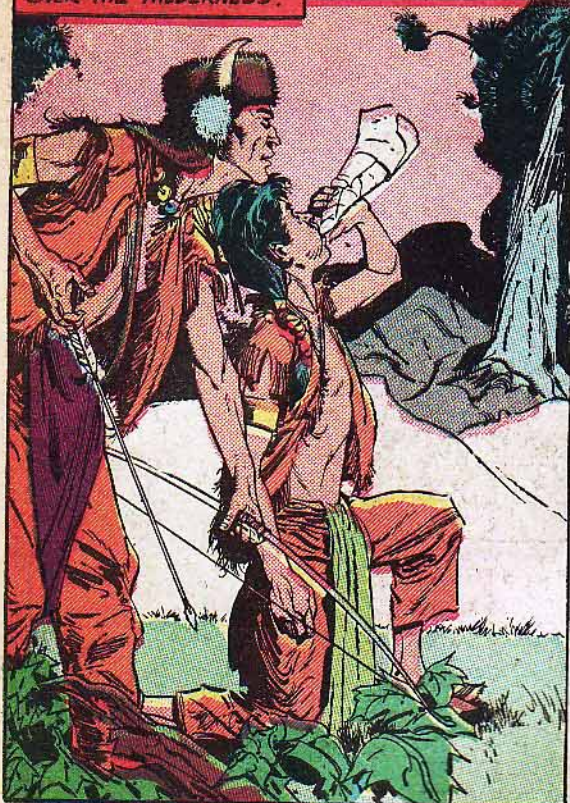
ONCE IN THE MOOSE COUNTRY, THEY MADE CAMP AND PREPARED TO HUNT WITHOUT DELAY. IT WAS DECIDED TO HUNT NEAR THE "LAKE OF MANY FLOWERS" FOR THE HEAVY GROWTH OF WATER PLANTS MADE IT AN ATTRACTIVE FEEDING GROUNDS FOR THE GREAT ANIMALS. AT ONCE, THEY LOOKED FOR A PLACE FROM WHICH TO CALL THEIR GAME.

HERE IS THE IDEAL PLACE, LITTLE FOX. SEE, HE WILL COME INTO THE OPEN SPACE, WHILE WE HAVE SHELTER IN WHICH TO HIDE. THE MOOSE IS A DANGEROUS BEAST WHEN ANGRY OR WOUNDED.

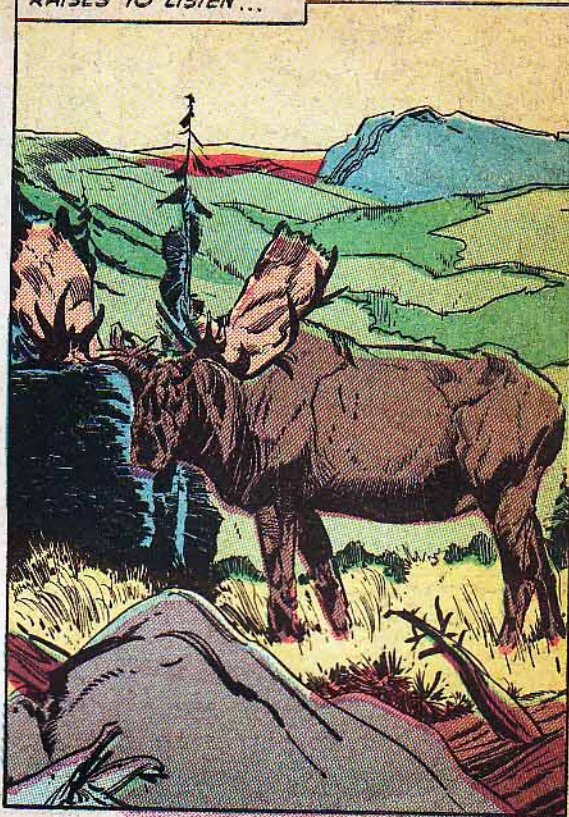
SUCH I HAVE HEARD, FATHER.



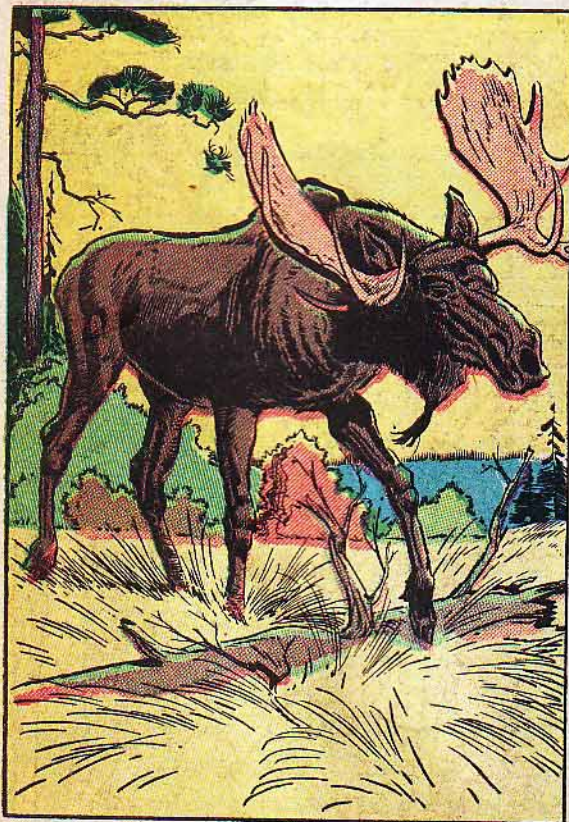
THE WILD CALL OF THE BULL MOOSE RINGS OUT OVER THE WILDERNESS.



AND FAR IN THE FOREST, A GREAT ANTLERED HEAD RAISES TO LISTEN ...



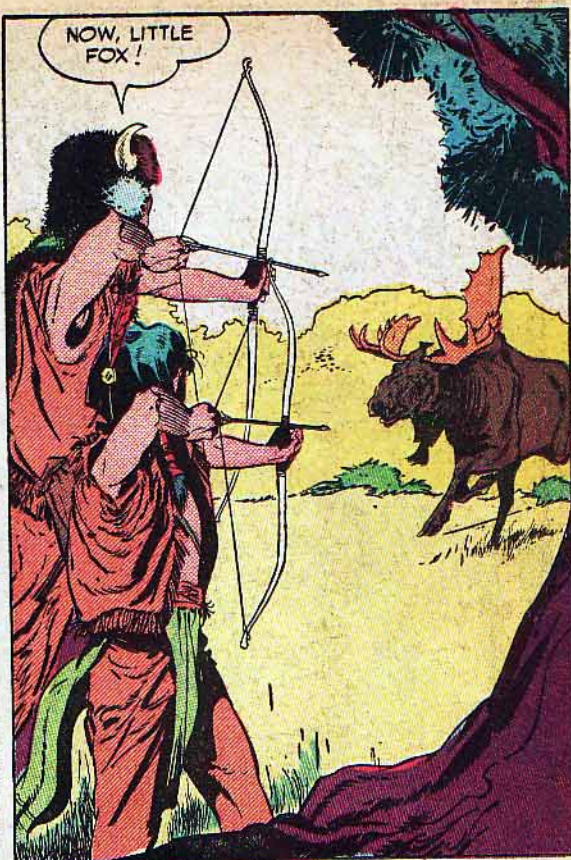
... AND TO SEND HIS ANSWERING CHALLENGE!

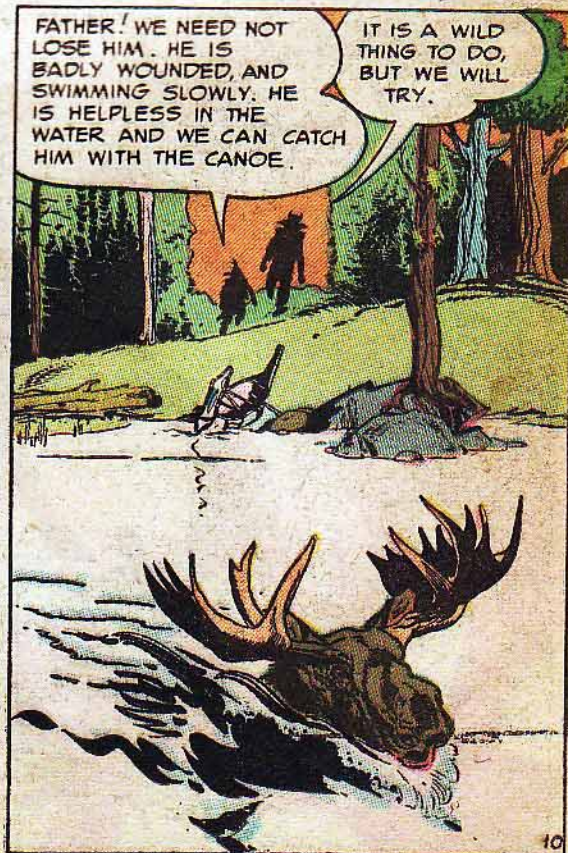
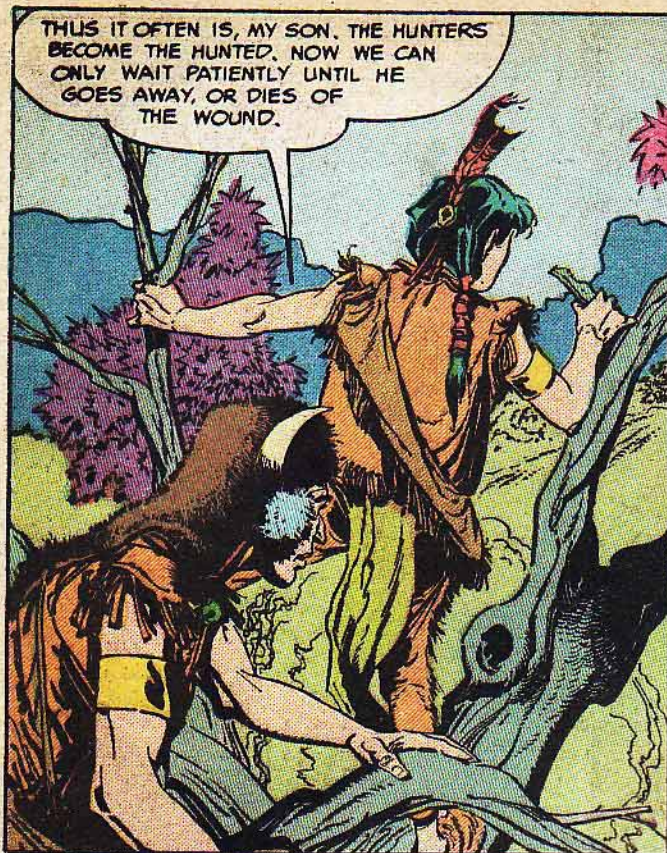


HE COMES, LITTLE FOX ... HEAR HIM CRASHING THROUGH THE BRUSH. AND FROM HIS VOICE HE IS ANGRY.

IT IS CLOSE TO THE MATING SEASON WHEN THE BULLS FIGHT. HE THINKS OUR CALL WAS THE CHALLENGE OF ANOTHER BULL.







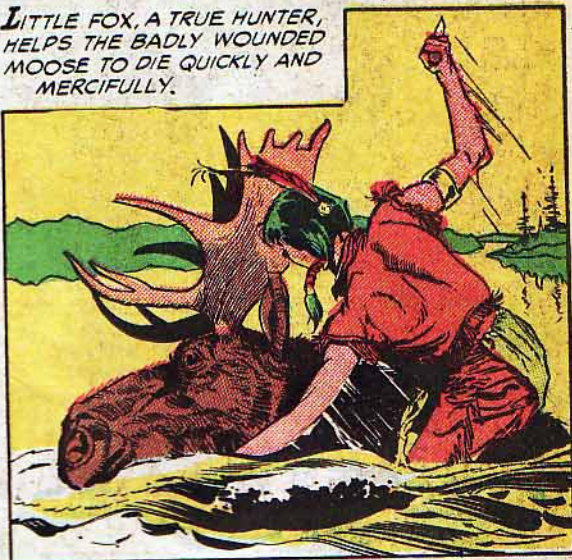
FATHER, THERE IS A ROPE OF LEATHER NEAR YOU! MAKE A LOOP AND WHEN WE COME ALONGSIDE, TOSS IT OVER HIS HORNS AND THUS HOLD HIM CLOSE TO THE CANOE. I HAVE A PLAN.



A GOOD THROW, FATHER. HOLD HIM TIGHTLY!

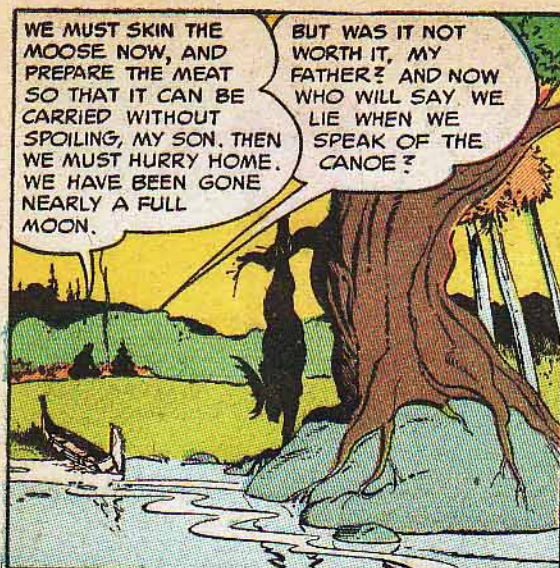


LITTLE FOX, A TRUE HUNTER, HELPS THE BADLY WOUNDED MOOSE TO DIE QUICKLY AND MERCIFULLY.

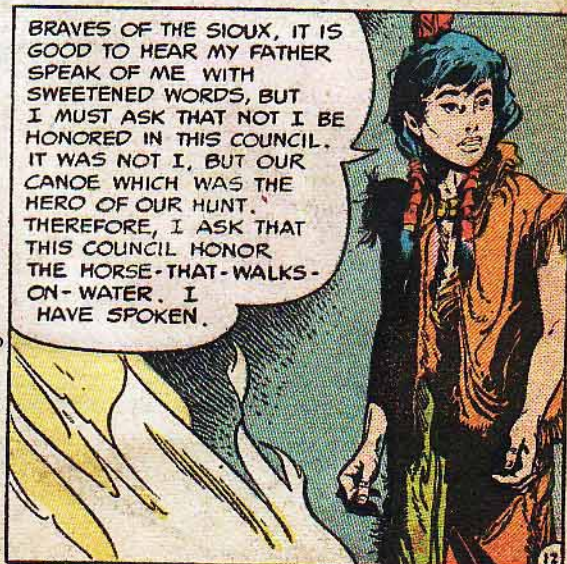
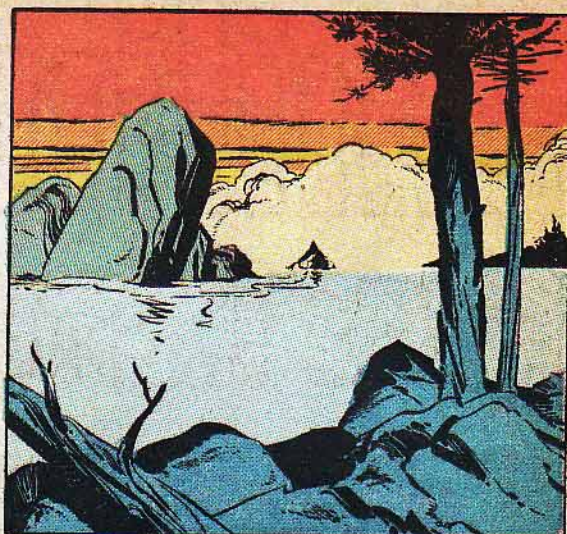


WITH THE MOOSE LASHED SECURELY TO THEIR CANOE, THE HUNTERS RETURN TO THEIR CAMP.



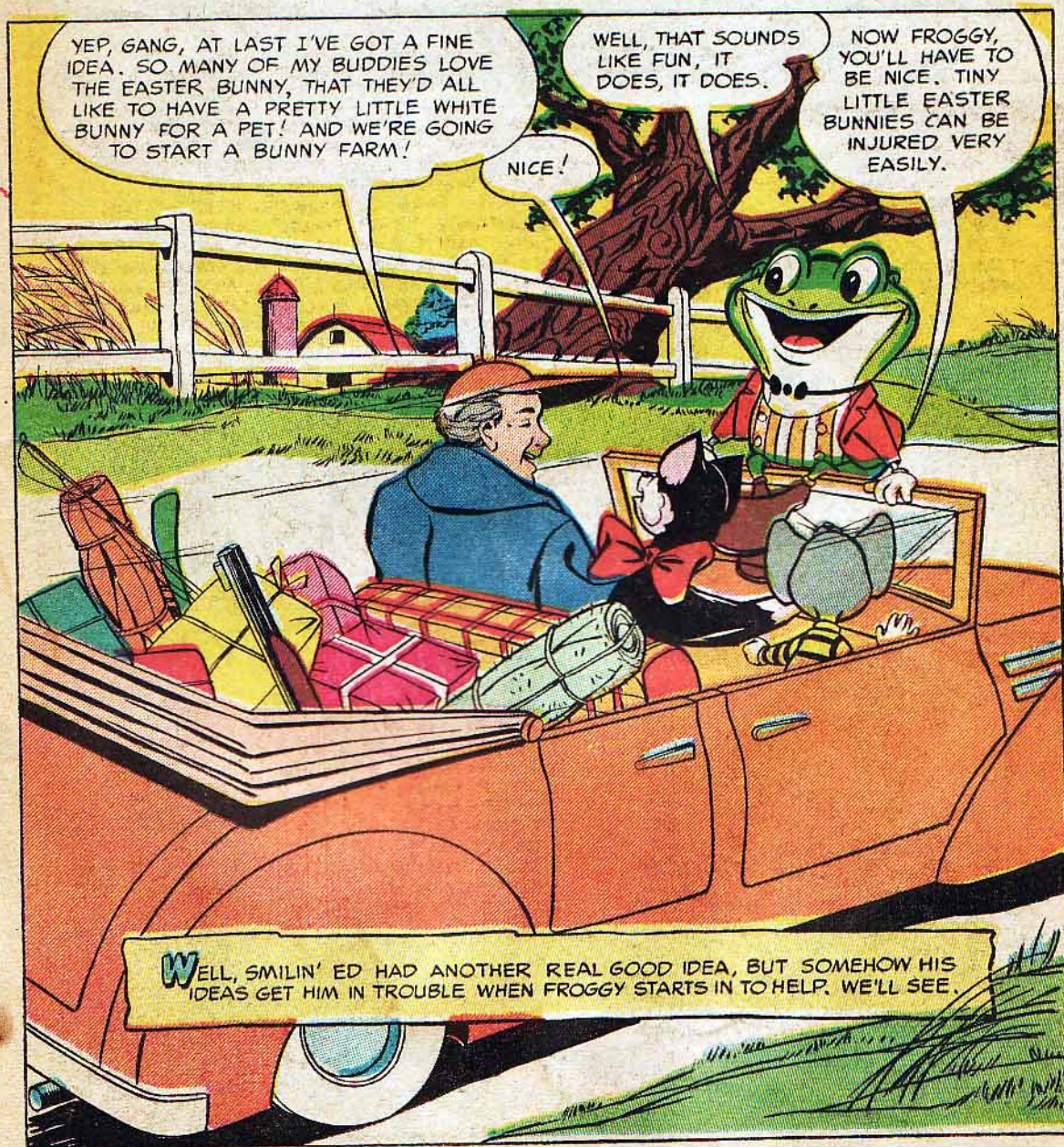


HOMEBOUND WITH THE SPOILS OF THE HUNT.



Smilin' Ed AND HIS GANG

RAISE EASTER BUNNIES



Look—Boys
WIN this GOLD-PLATED
IN BUSTER BROWN'S GOLDEN



GRAND PRIZE

**THE WORLD'S
ONLY GOLD-PLATED
BICYCLE**

Boy oh Boy! Wait 'till the gang sees you riding on this—the only gold-plated bike in the whole wide world! Just think of it! A custom-made boys' or girls' bike by Schwinn—completely covered—spokes and all—in gleaming 14 carat gold, with the seat upholstered in real leopard skin. And you may win it—just for coloring the picture on the next page.

Look—Boys and Girls!

WIN this GOLD-PLATED SCHWINN BIKE

IN BUSTER BROWN'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COLORING CONTEST



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AND LOOK AT THESE OTHER SWELL PRIZES
WE'RE GIVING AWAY, TOO

125—1st PRIZES

SCHWINN BIKES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

125 boys and girls just like you are going to win these Schwinn DeLuxe Bikes—the most popular bikes in the world! They come with all the extras—Rocket Ray headlight, streamline tank, built-in horn, 1½" jeweled reflector, modern luggage carrier.

1,000 ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Big 28 inch Roly-Poly plastic dolls with weighted bottom to prevent tipping. Buster Brown is printed on one side and Tige on the other.

JUST FOLLOW THESE RULES

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3. Entries will be judged on the basis of neatness, attention to detail, creative and imaginative ability indicated. Judges' decisions final. Duplicate prizes in

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5. Contest open to all residents of the Continental United States under 14 years of age on April 18, 1954 except families of employees of Brown Shoe Company and its advertising agency.

6. Winners will be informed by mail. Complete list of winners will be sent on request accompanied by stamped, addressed envelope.

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

NAME _____ ☐ Boy ☐ Girl
(check proper square)

ADDRESS _____ AGE _____

CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

NAME OF BUSTER BROWN DEALER ROSENZWEIG'S DEPT. STORE

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for the
picture
you color!

and Girls!

SCHWINN BIKE

ANNIVERSARY COLORING CONTEST



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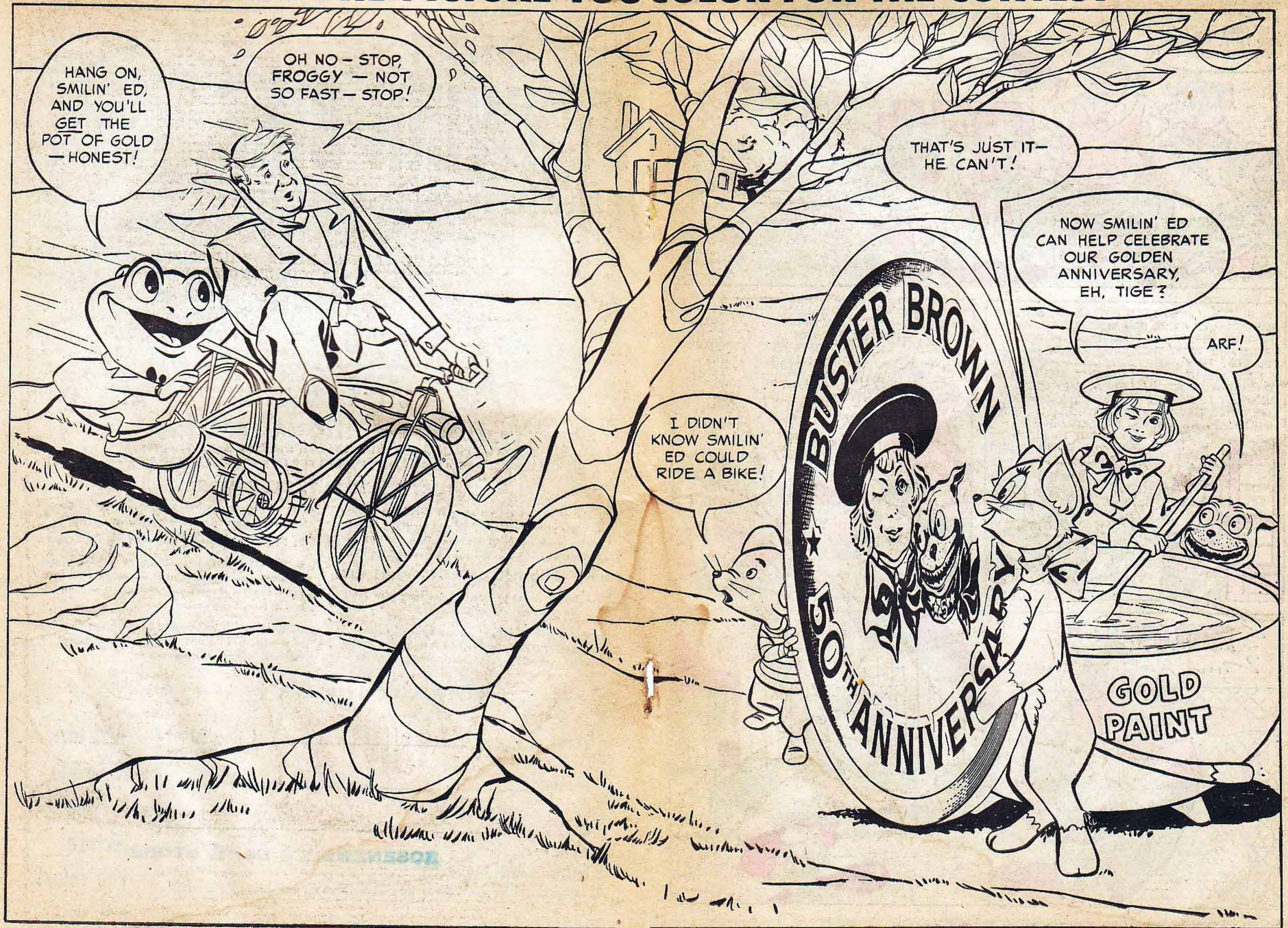
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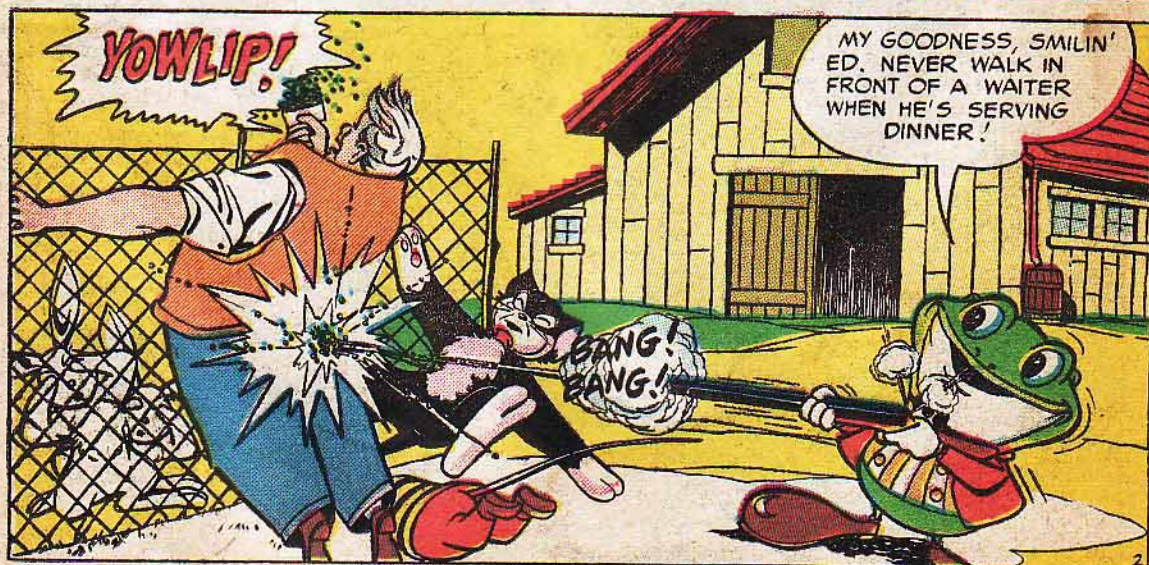
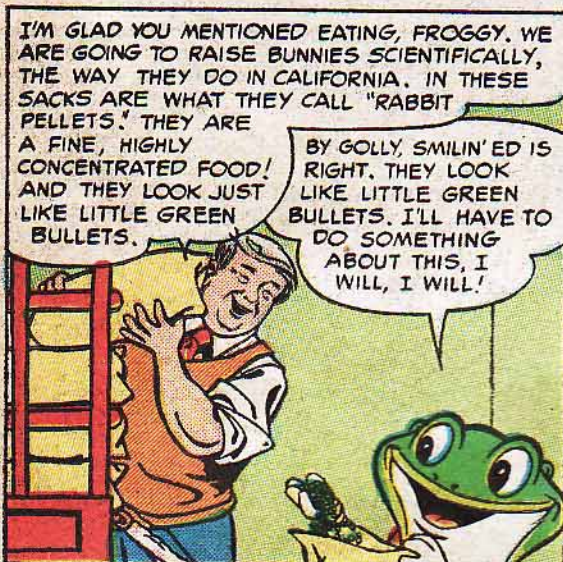
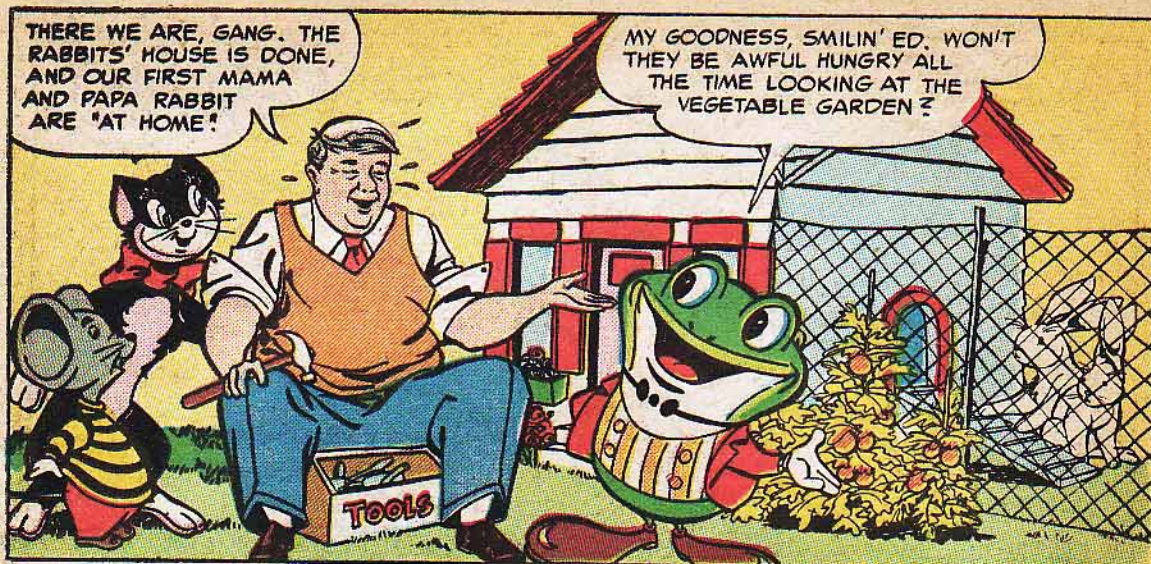


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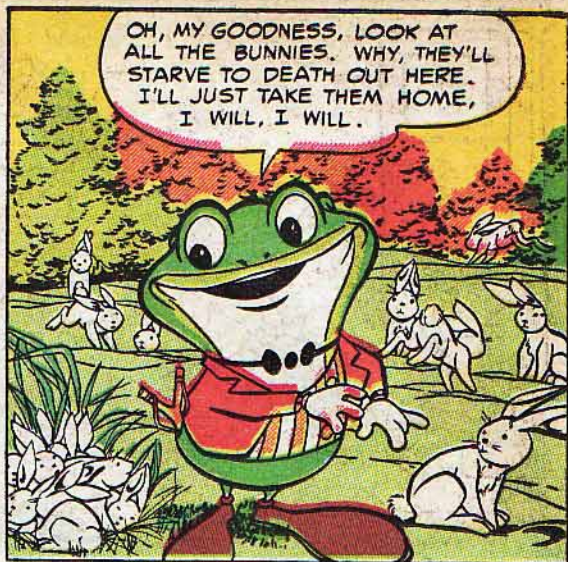




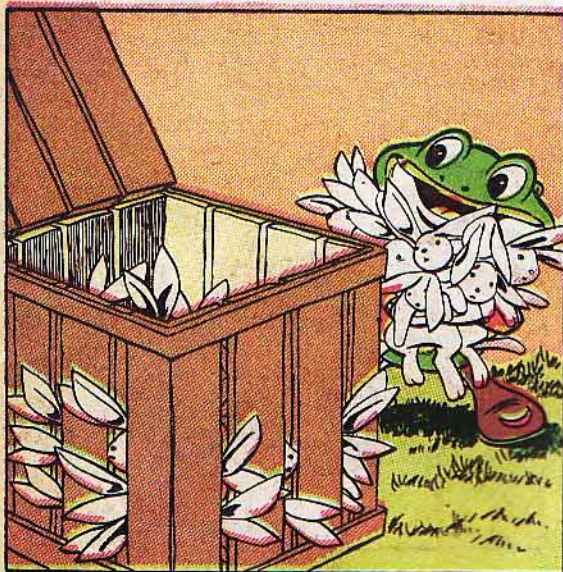
YOU LITTLE VILLAIN,
I'LL ... OHH, HE'S
DISAPPEARED!

I THINK I'LL GO
FOR A LONG
WALK, I WILL,
I WILL.

POOF!



OH, MY GOODNESS, LOOK AT
ALL THE BUNNIES. WHY, THEY'LL
STARVE TO DEATH OUT HERE.
I'LL JUST TAKE THEM HOME,
I WILL, I WILL.

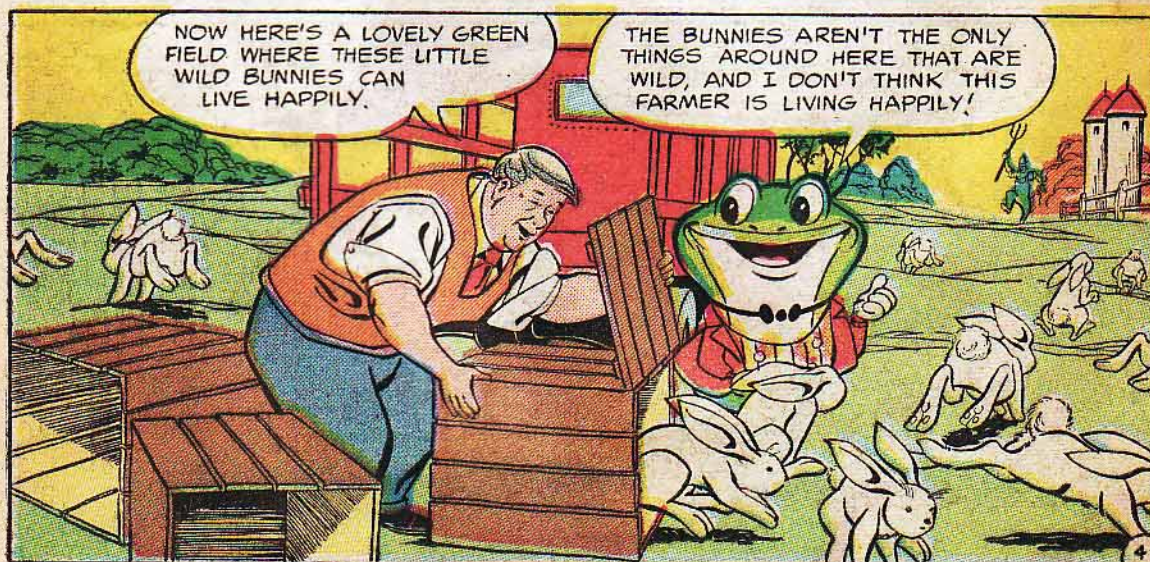
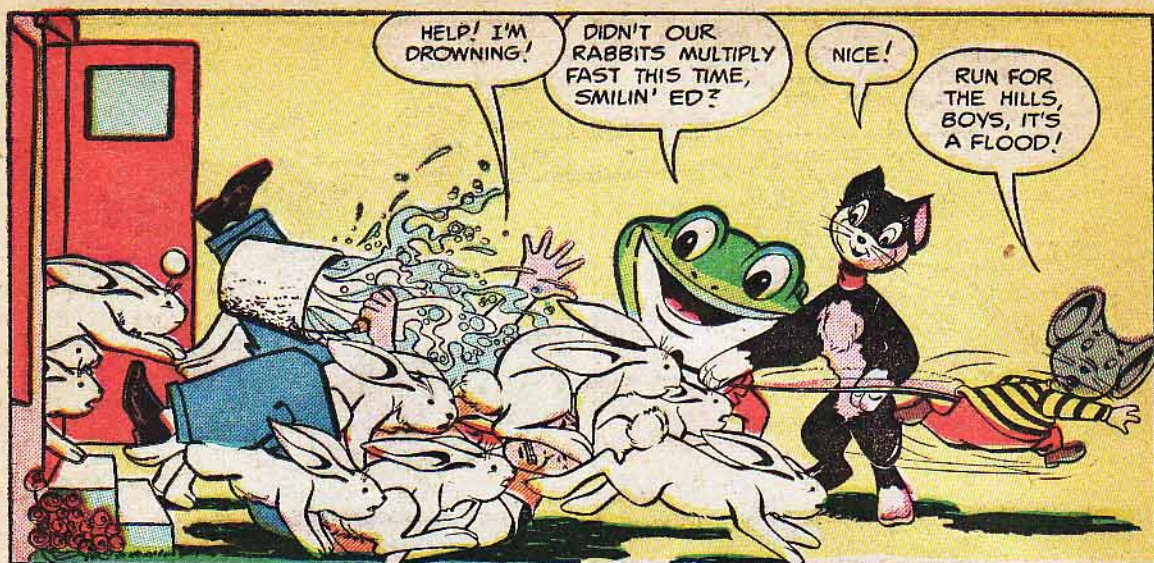


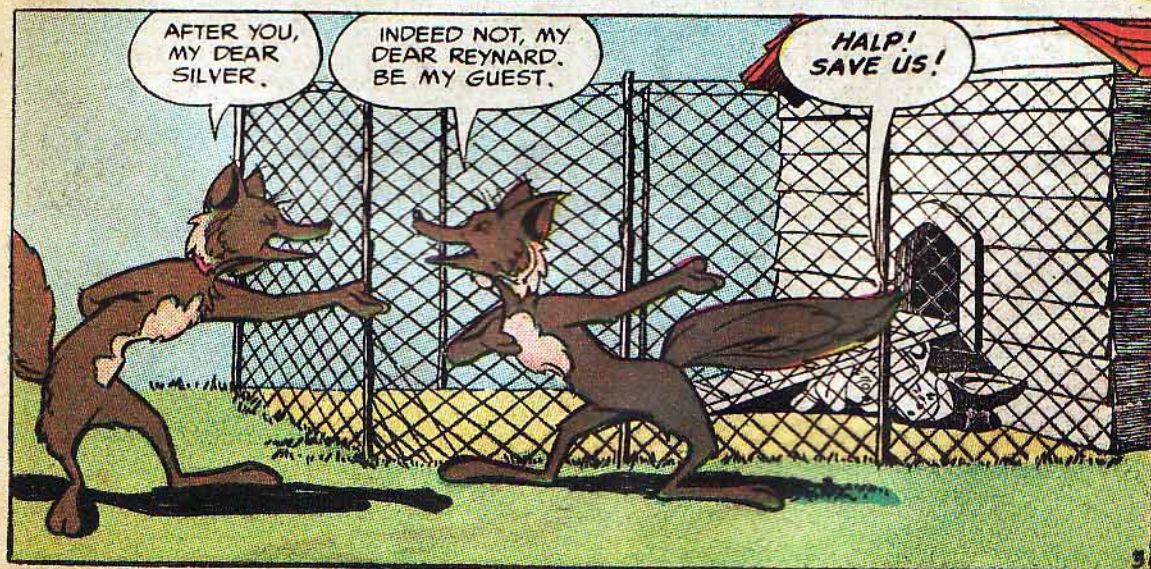
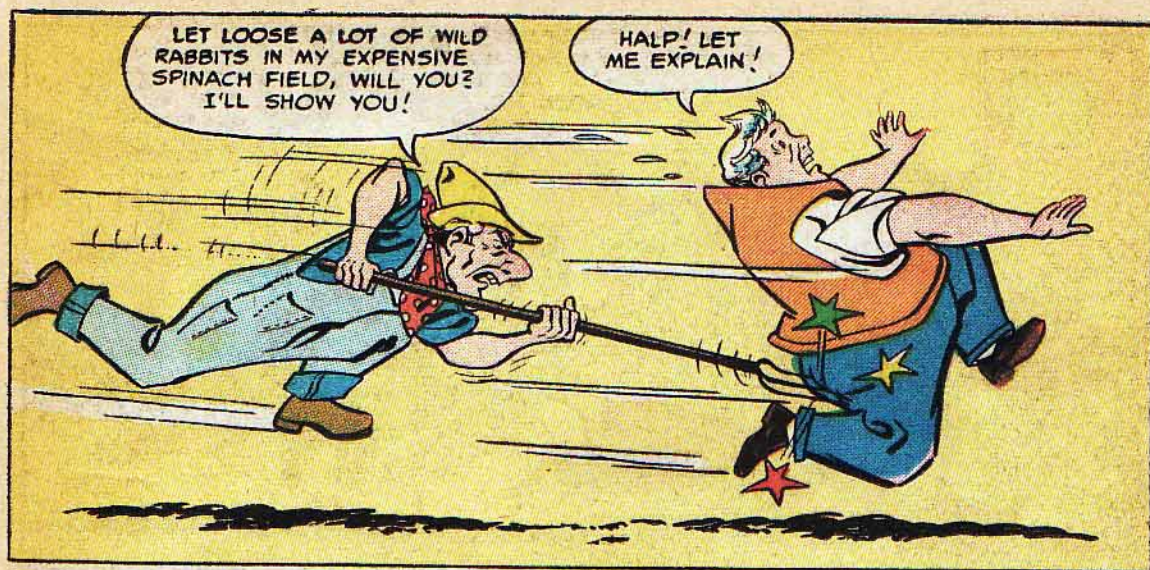
MY GOODNESS, I'M TIRED, BUT
SMILIN' ED WILL BE PLEASED
WHEN HE SEES ALL THE
BUNNIES HE OWNS!

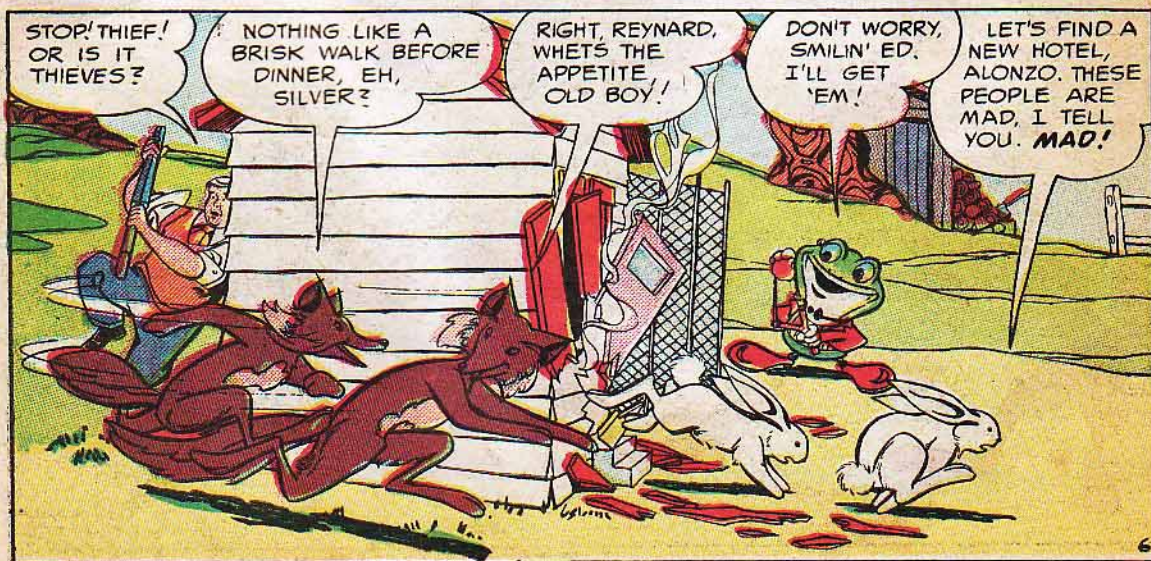
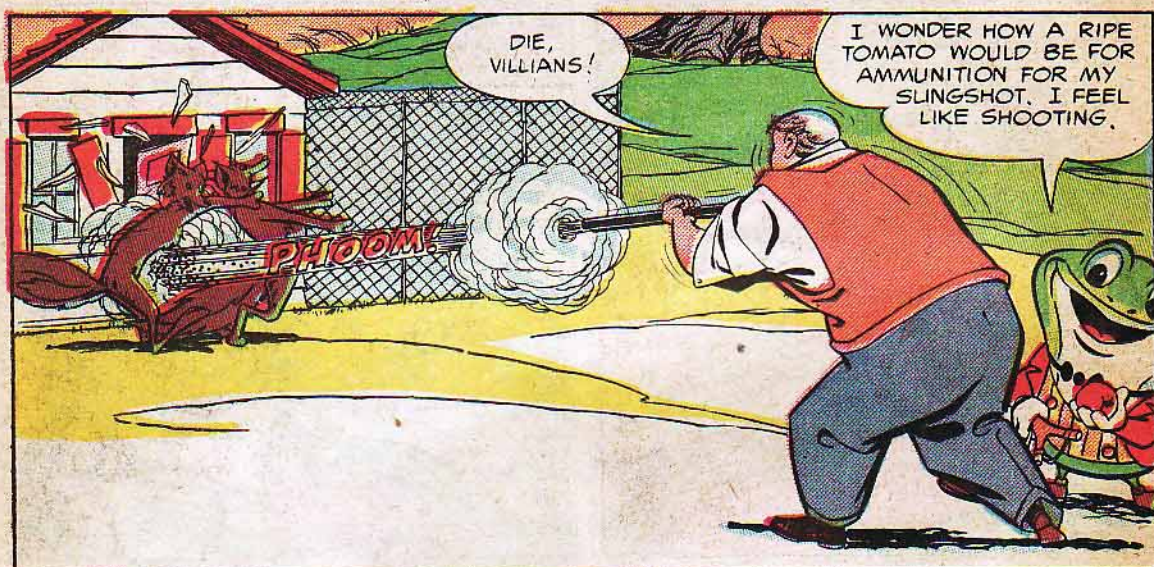
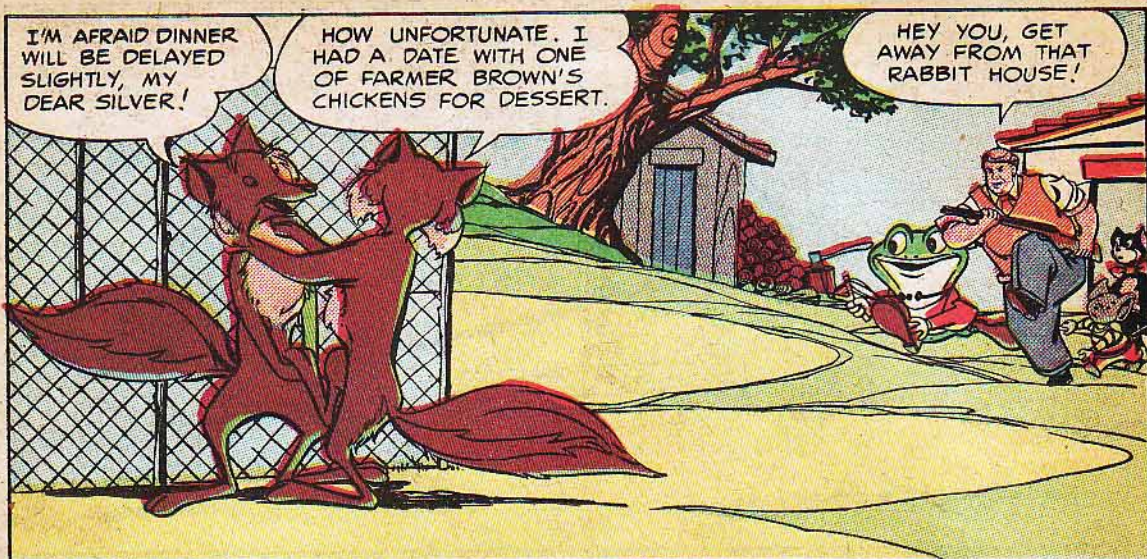


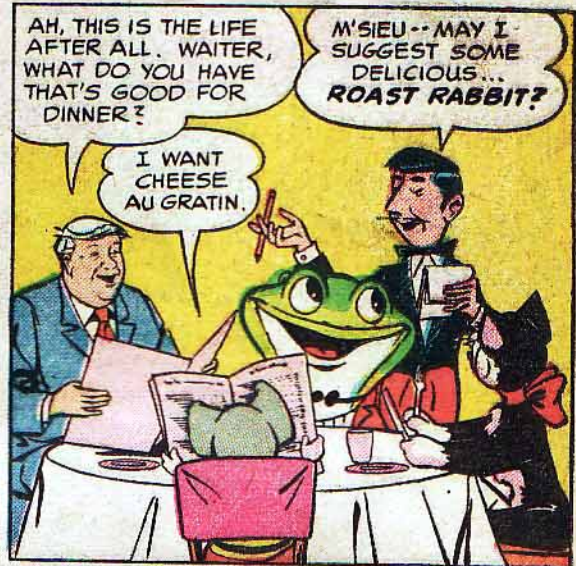
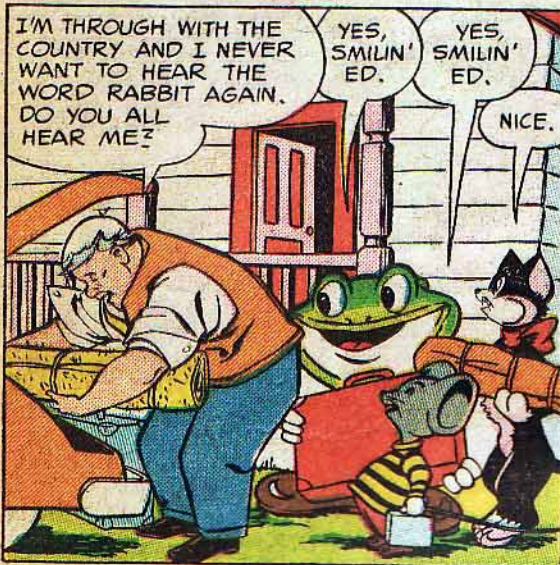
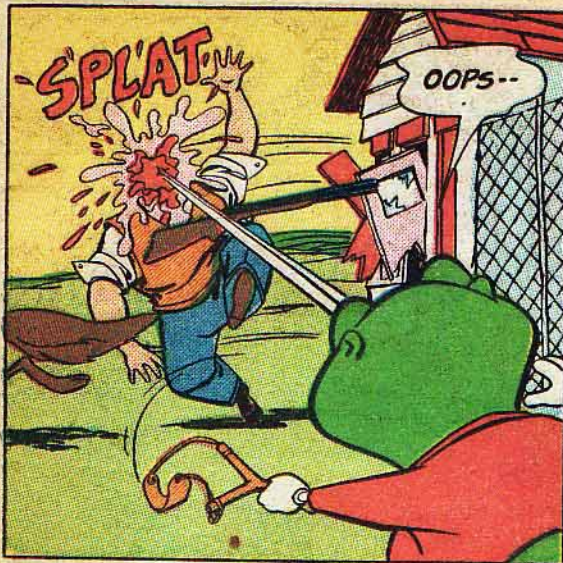
FIRST OF ALL, SOME NICE
FRESH WATER, FOR MY
TWO LITTLE BUNNIES.

SMILIN' ED'S GONNA
BE SURPRISED, HE
IS, HE IS!





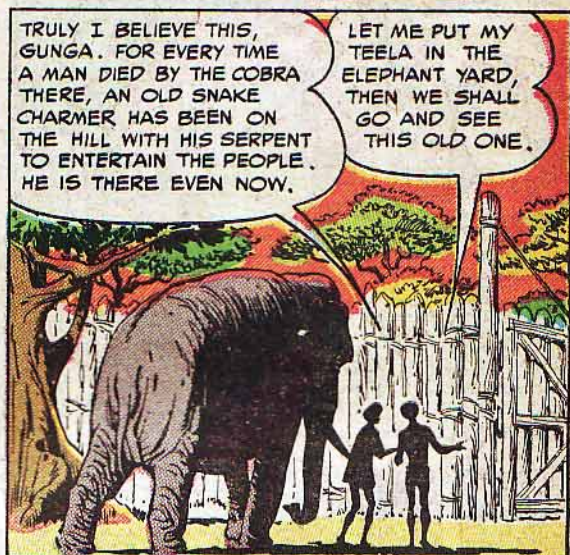


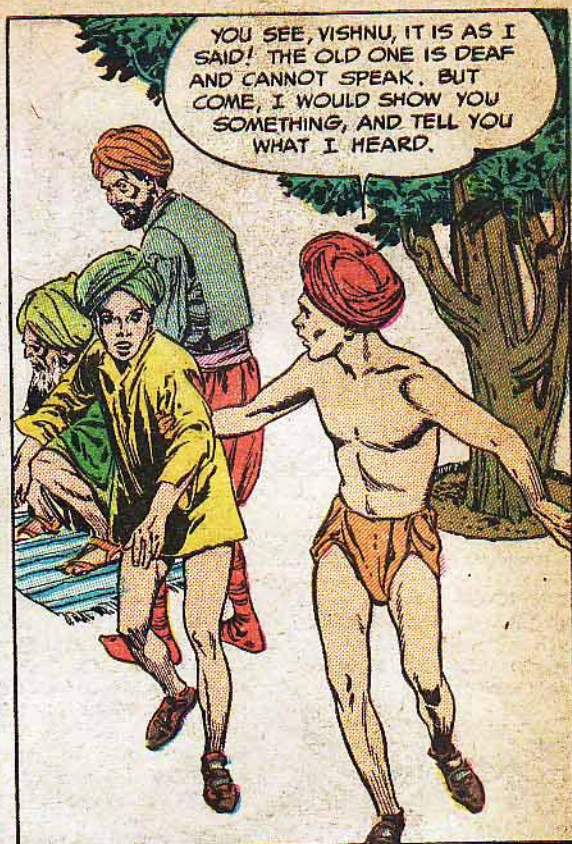


GUNGA



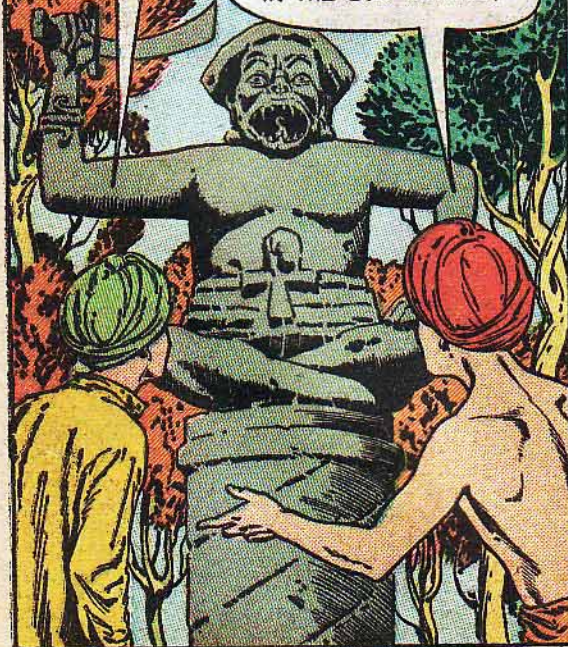
GUNGA, MAHOUT TO THE MAHARAJA OF BAKORE, GIVES HIS GREAT CHARGE, TEELA THE BULL ELEPHANT, AN INVIGORATING BATH IN THE RIVER, COMPLETELY UNAWARE THAT A FRIGHTENING ADVENTURE AWAITED HIM.





BUT WHY DO YOU SHOW ME THE STATUE OF MAHISHASURA, GUNGA? MANY TIMES HAVE I SEEN IT HERE IN THE TEMPLE YARD.

BECAUSE SOME DAYS AGO BEFORE HE WAS KILLED BY THE COBRA, VENTU TOLD ME OF A 'STRANGE ONE' WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO WORSHIP THE MONSTER MAHISHASURA IN THE OLD TEMPLE.



BUT WHY SHOULD THE PEOPLE WORSHIP AT THE OLD TEMPLE, WHEN THE MAHARAJA HAS BUILT THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW TEMPLE OF CHAMANDI? AND OF ALL THINGS, TO WORSHIP THE MONSTER MAHISHASURA.

THIS I DO NOT KNOW. BUT WE ARE GOING TO THE OLD TEMPLE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN SEE.



BUT EVENTS PROVED THAT GUNGA WAS WRONG. AS SOON AS THE BOYS LEFT THE STATUE OF THE MONSTER, WHICH WAS JUST A FEW STEPS FROM WHERE HE WAS SEATED, THE OLD SNAKE CHARMER ROSE QUICKLY, COAXED HIS DEADLY COBRA INTO THE BASKET, AND SET OFF.

DOLT! I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER COME. HAVE YOU LEARNED ANYTHING?

THERE IS TROUBLE, KRISHNA. EVEN NOW THE YOUNG MAHOUTS, GUNGA AND VISHNU, ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE TEMPLE.

AS USUAL I PRETENDED TO BE DEAF AND DUMB. THE BOY GUNGA SAID TO ME, "I SUSPECT YOU HAVE TRAINED THE SNAKE TO KILL." I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE MEANT IT OR NOT. BUT ALSO, THEY STOOD BEFORE THE STATUE OF THE MONSTER AND I HEARD THEM SPEAK. VENTU TOLD HIM OF OUR WORSHIP OF MAHISHASURA BEFORE MY LUNA KILLED HIM.

THEN QUICKLY, GO TO THE ROAD AND GET A RIDE ON AN OXCART WITH ONE OF THE VILLAGERS. TAKE THE SNAKE WITH YOU, AND IF THE BOYS ARE AT THE OLD TEMPLE SEND LUNA TO KILL THEM. THUS THEY WILL BE OUT OF OUR WAY, AND TWO MORE DEAD ONES WILL FURTHER FRIGHTEN THE PEOPLE SO THEY WILL COME TO WORSHIP THE MONSTER AND GIVE US THEIR RUPEES.

IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WOULD TURN TO THE WORSHIP OF THE MONSTER MAHISHASURA.

IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE IT ALSO. OUR RELIGION TELLS US THAT THE MONSTER WAS KILLED BY THE FIRST MAHARAJA WITH THE HELP OF THE GODDESS OF CHAMANDI, HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO. BUT VENTU SAID THE STRANGE ONE WAS TELLING THE PEOPLE THE MONSTER WAS STILL ALIVE! COME, LET US GO INTO THE TEMPLE.

LOOK, VISHNU! SOMEONE HAS PUT A RULING TURBAN ON MAHISHASURA TO MAKE IT LOOK MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GODDESS OF CHAMANDI.

YOU ARE RIGHT, GUNGA. THEY HAVE MADE IT LOOK LIKE A GOD INSTEAD OF A MONSTER! LET US GO NOW AND RETURN LATER TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

THE FIRST WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE OLD SNAKE CHARMER.

SO, LUNA, THEY ARE NOT HERE. PERHAPS WE ARE JUST IN TIME. WE WILL WORK CAREFULLY, THEN, AND SHOULD THEY COME WE WILL BE READY FOR THEM.

NEITHER GUNGA NOR VISHNU KNEW, AS THEY LEFT THE OLD TEMPLE, THAT TWO EVENTS WERE CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR GRAVE DANGER.

THE SECOND EVENT BEGAN AS KRISHNA FURTHERED HIS VICIOUS SCHEME.

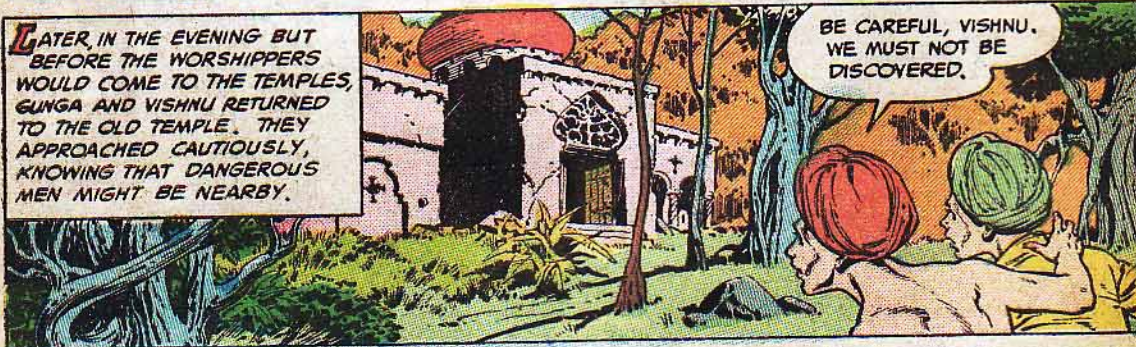
PEOPLE OF BAKORE!
AGAIN I COME TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE GOD MAHISHASURA! YOU ARE TOLD HE IS DEAD, THAT IS UNTRUE. YOU WHO GO TO THIS NEW TEMPLE TO WORSHIP THE GODDESS CHAMANDI ARE WRONG! YOU SHOULD BE GIVING YOUR WORSHIP TO MAHISHASURA!



MAHISHASURA IS ANGRY WITH YOU, BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH OF YOU COME TO WORSHIP HIM. ALWAYS HAD THE HOODED COBRA BEEN THE EARTH REPRESENTATIVE OF MAHISHASURA, AND HAS HE NOT SENT THE COBRA TO KILL VENTU, AND RAMESH AND HIRALAL? I GIVE YOU WARNING. I GO NOW TO THE OLD TEMPLE TO PREPARE FOR THE WORSHIP OF MAHISHASURA. COME YOU TONIGHT TO WORSHIP, AND BRING YOUR RUPEES WITH YOU TO OFFER TO HIM, ELSE HE SEND THE COBRA TO KILL YOU ALL!



LATER, IN THE EVENING BUT BEFORE THE WORSHIPPERS WOULD COME TO THE TEMPLES, GUNGA AND VISHNU RETURNED TO THE OLD TEMPLE. THEY APPROACHED CAUTIOUSLY, KNOWING THAT DANGEROUS MEN MIGHT BE NEARBY.



BE CAREFUL, VISHNU. WE MUST NOT BE DISCOVERED.

VISHNU, QUICKLY... COME AND LOOK!

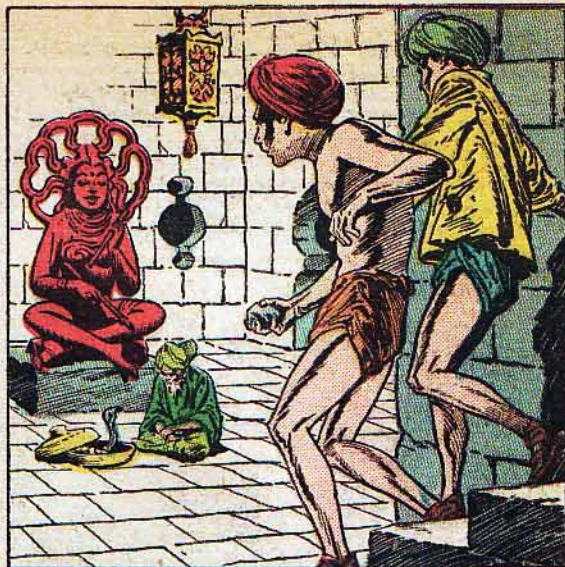


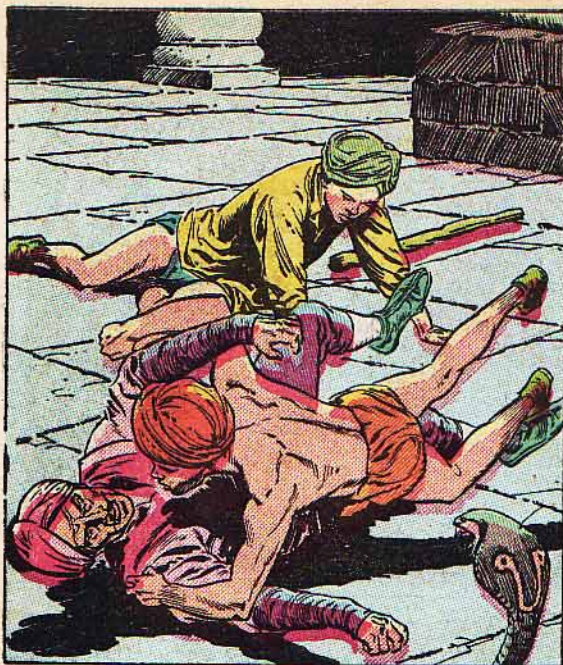
SO, LUNA, MY BEAUTIFUL ONE... AGAIN YOUR FANGS WILL SINK DEEP INTO THE FLESH OF THOSE WHO WOULD THWART US. TONIGHT IF THE TWO YOUNG MAHOUTS COME, YOU WILL SEE THEM TO THEIR DEATH.

AIE, GUNGA... HE IS NO DEAF MUTE. INSTEAD, HE IS THE KILLER OF OUR FRIENDS.

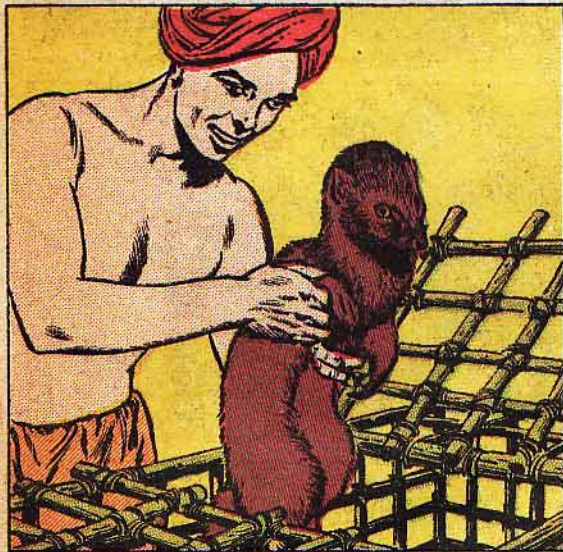
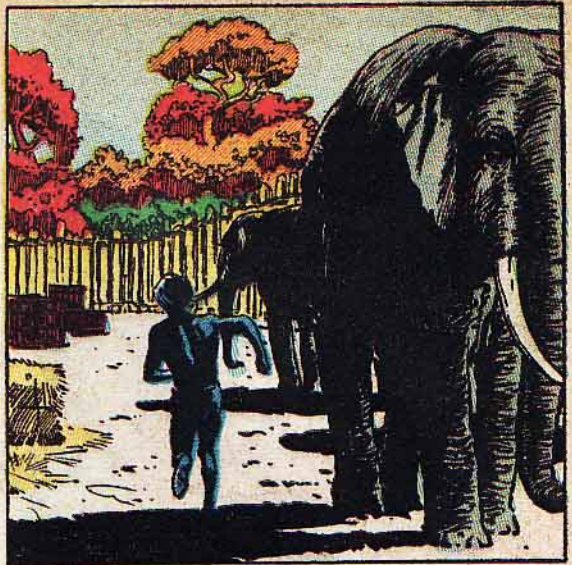
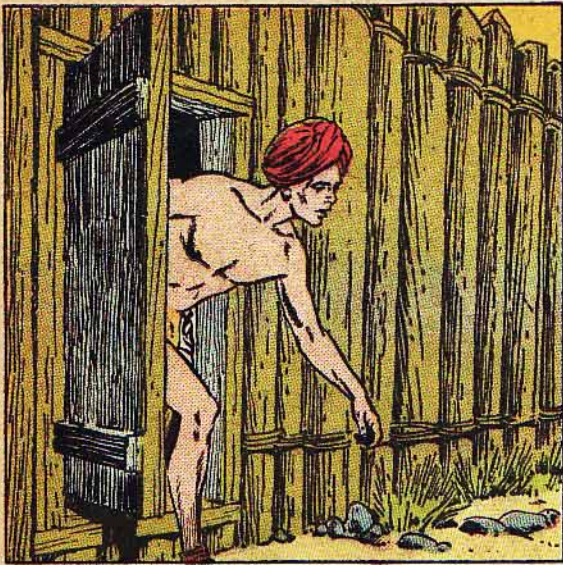
I HAVE BEEN A FOOL. NOW WE MUST MAKE UP FOR IT. VISHNU, WE MUST ENTER THE TEMPLE AND TAKE THIS OLD ONE TO THE MAHARAJA.







GUNGA LOST NO TIME. WHILE VISHNU WATCHED THE TWO MEN, HE HURRIED BACK TO THE PALACE, AND TOLD HIS STORY TO THE MAHARAJA, WHO AT ONCE SENT MEN TO AID VISHNU. SATISFIED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS OVER, HE RAN TO THE ELEPHANT YARD.



NOW, GUNGA SPED BACK TO THE OLD TEMPLE, FOR HE KNEW THAT LITTLE TIME COULD BE WASTED. THE COBRA, DANGEROUS AT ALL TIMES, WAS DOUBLY DANGEROUS NOW.



SO MY LITTLE FEARLESS ONE, HERE IS THE COBRA... AND YOU MUST KILL IT.

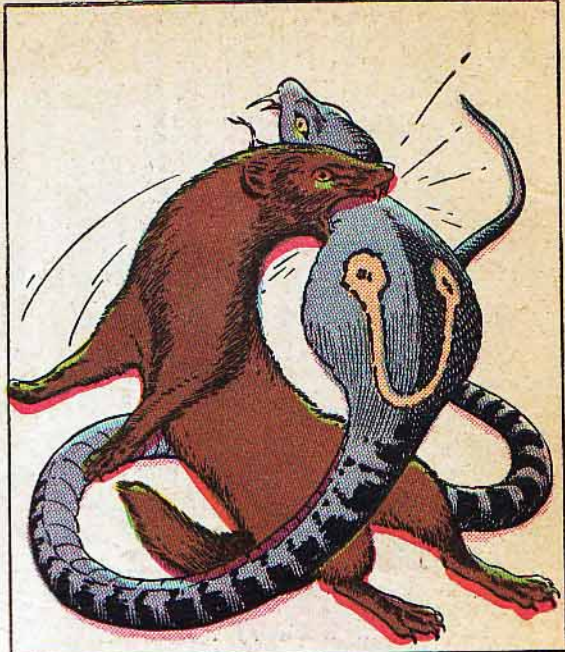


TAKE HIM, LITTLE ONE! THAT IS LUNA!

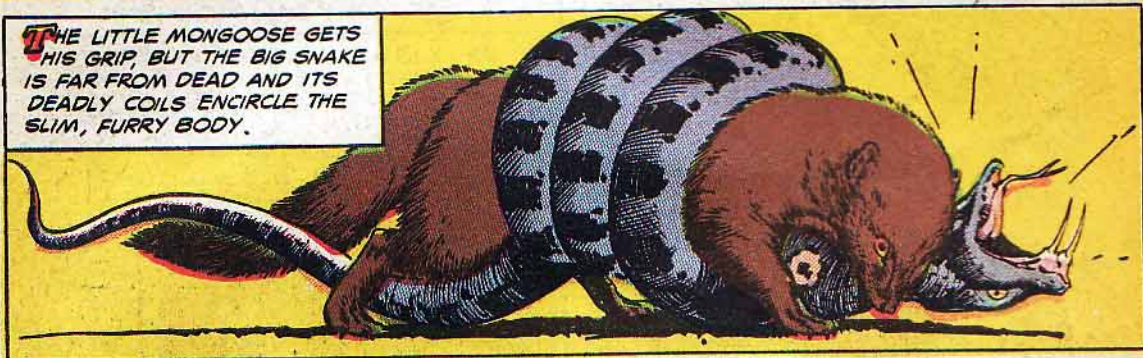


WAIT, VISHNU. GO NO CLOSER. THE LITTLE ONE NEEDS ROOM TO WORK.

HAVE NO FEAR, GUNGA. I WOULD GO NO CLOSER FOR A MILLION RUPEES.



THE LITTLE MONGOOSE GETS HIS GRIP, BUT THE BIG SNAKE IS FAR FROM DEAD AND ITS DEADLY COILS ENCIRCLE THE SLIM, FURRY BODY.



ENOUGH, LITTLE ONE, ENOUGH. THE SNAKE IS DEAD.

SO, GUNGA ... THE SNAKE CHARMER IS IN PRISON BY NOW, KRISHNA DIED FROM THE COBRA BITE, AND NOW THE COBRA IS DEAD. WHAT NEXT?

NEXT WE HURRY BACK TO THE PALACE. MY GREAT TEELA WILL BE BELLOWING SOON FOR DINNER.



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BUSTER BROWN'S POINT Fitting Plan

PROTECTS GROWING FEET



Measure both feet. Largest length and width fitted.



Big toe joint fitted to widest inside line of shoe.



Small toe fitted to widest outside line of shoe.



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